

# SIDE-EVENT

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# INVITATION PANEL DISCUSSION

Small Island Developing States and plastic pollution: how can we work together towards a sustainable ocean and environmental justice?

Thursday Sept 1

6:30pm - 8:00pm

## Speakers:

**Rolph Payet**, *confirmed*

Executive Secretary of The Basel Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention Secretariat

**Andrés Del Castillo**, *confirmed*

Senior Attorney on the #plasticstreaty at the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

**Viviana Tinoco Monge**, *confirmed*

Minister-counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Costa Rica to the United Nations

**Helga Matos**, *confirmed*

Counsellor, Development, Environment and Oceans  
Other speakers pending:

**Harriet Harden-Davies**, *pending*

Ocean Voices Program

**Nina van Toulon**, *pending*

Co-initiator and co-coordinator International Waste Platform, director Indonesian Waste Platform

## Facilitator:

Gwenaële Coat, Scientific Manager at The SeaCleaners



**Length:** 1.5 hour incl. 20 min Q&A



**How:** possible videos, zoom, and minimum use of powerpoint to allow more discussions

## Maison Internationale des Associations, Salle Rachel Carson, Geneva

The past few months showed an accrued interest and declarations from an array of actors toward the importance of the ocean and the environment for the future of the planet. From the UN rights council declaring access to a healthy environment is a human right, to COP26 starting a trend of integrating the ocean at the negotiation table, to the UN Environmental Assembly agreeing to start the negotiation to a plastic pollution treaty: how can we use this uptick trend toward environmental justice, including a more sustainable ocean? Join us to discuss this broad topic with our panel who will engage in conversation around the issue of plastic and the role of inclusion of all, especially Small Island Developing States. Key players not only geographically but also culturally these States will bring their tradition and expertise to provide nature-based solutions to this wicked problem. The panel will discuss how culture, science, legally binding treaties, and many more actors need to come together and break siloed disciplines for a transdisciplinary approach to fight this wicked transboundary problem. Only then could practical solutions lead to a more equitable look at the blue economy for environmental justice, combining human and wildlife alike.



**Inscription and RSVP before August 26**  
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